

Nursing, Advanced Standing to AAS for LPNs

School of Health Professions

Admission to the nursing program is selective and enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. **All applicants must meet specific criteria before being admitted to any of the program options.**

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone 404-975-5000. The ACEN is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs: Associate Degree. The ACEN is nationally recognized as a specialized accrediting agency for both postsecondary and higher degree programs in nursing education.

Advanced Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program Guidelines

Purpose: Admission to the nursing program is a selective process because enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. Therefore, all applicants applying for advanced placement admission must meet the criteria.

Guidelines: Graduate and licensed practical nurses may apply for advanced placement admission into the second year of the associate degree nursing program if they meet the following criteria before being fully accepted:

Application Criteria:

- Must hold a current Pennsylvania Practical Nursing license
- Must have at least one year of full-time acute care clinical practice experience: defined as bedside nursing with primary patient care responsibilities at either an Acute Care Hospital, Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC) facility, or Sub-Acute Unit in a skilled nursing facility.
- LPN applicants who do not have acute care clinical practice experience within the past five years prior to application must provide documentation of successful completion of an LPN refresher course
- LPN applicants must submit an Application for Admission Form and Allied Health Programs Application to the Admissions Office by:

LEVEL 2 (LPNs)

Day Programs: Evening/Weekend Greene	
Application Deadline	January 5 prior to fall start
LPN Transition Course: NSG 200/ NSG 114	Summer semester prior to fall start
Start Nursing Classes	Fall Semester

Evening/Weekend Program	
Application Deadline	May 15 prior to spring start
LPN Transition Course: NSG 200/ NSG 114	Fall semester prior to spring start
Start Nursing Classes	Spring Semester

- Applicants must take the *Nursing ACE I PN-RN Foundations of Nursing* and the *ACE I PN-RN Childbearing/Care of Child* examinations administered by Westmoreland; eligible applicants will be notified of the testing date and fee

Criteria for Advanced Placement for LPNs:

- Graduate of accredited secondary school program or hold a graduate equivalency degree (GED) certificate
- High school validating the successful completion of academic work equivalent to a standard high school program with a minimum of 16 units:
 - English (4 units)
 - Social studies (3 units)
 - Mathematics (2 units, one in algebra required)
 - Science (2 units in chemistry and biology with related laboratory)
 - A "C" grade or better must be attained in high school algebra, chemistry, and biology; if a "C" grade or better is not attained, applicants may meet these preadmission requirements by completing MTH 052, CHM 107, and BIO 107 and must attain a "C" grade or better
- Applicants who have completed credit courses must attain a 2.5 GPA
 - Only credit courses necessary to meet the requirements for the nursing program are considered when calculating GPA
 - If GPA is less than 2.5, one or more of these courses may be repeated to meet the requirements before testing
 - Students must earn a "C" grade or better in all nursing and corequisite courses to progress in the program and to graduate
 - Transfer courses are not calculated into GPA
- LPNs must also take the Accuplacer, which is a computerized placement test, and complete any required developmental courses
 - Students who test into developmental courses must complete all courses with a C grade or above

Pre-testing Criteria and Required Documents

- Proof of completion of required courses or enrollment in equivalent courses via high school and or college transcripts. It is the students responsibility to provide transcripts to admissions office.
- Westmoreland transcript must include the following courses and GPA must be at least 2.5 and a C or better in the following courses:
 - BIO 171 - Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BIO 172 - Anatomy and Physiology II
 - PSY 160 - General Psychology
 - ENG 161 - College Writing
 - ALH 120 - Pharmacology
 - CPT 150 - Microcomputer Concepts
- Only science credits completed within the past 10 years will be accepted for transfer
- Additional required documents:
 - LPN program transcript
 - Copy of current LPN license
 - Evidence of successful completion of state board approved intravenous (IV) therapy course within the past two years of application, or validation by current employer for LPNs currently practicing IV skills

After Notice of Acceptance the Following Conditions Must be Satisfied:

Final Admission Criteria

- Accepted applicants are required to attend a mandatory group interview and information session as the final step in the admission process
- At the mandatory session, information regarding the following additional program requirements will be provided:
- Physical examination, laboratory studies, proof of immunizations, and urine drug screen. A positive urine drug screen will result in denial of admission to the nursing program
- CPR Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers current certification
- Evidence of a nursing liability insurance policy
- All of these required documents must be submitted to the nursing program prior to stated deadlines or program acceptance will be withdrawn
- Students must earn a "C" or better in all nursing and corequisite courses to progress and graduate
- Students must complete the NSG 200-Transition to the ADN Program course and NSG 114-Health and Physical Assessment with a "C" or better to progress into the nursing courses.

Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse Clearance, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Check Requirements:

- Applicants must submit information regarding criminal conviction and/or crimes of moral turpitude
- Act 33-34 Clearance: PA Criminal Record and Child Abuse Clearance; and FBI fingerprinting through the Department of Public Welfare, at the applicant's expense
- All records must be received by the nursing program prior to the stated deadline

- Admission is conditional pending receipt and evaluation of criminal background check to determine if there is any conviction that may bar the applicant from admission to the nursing program
 - Any record of child abuse results in denial of admission to the nursing program
 - According to federal sentencing guideline, any punishment over one year indicate a felony
 - Any felony conviction within the past 10 years results in denial of admission to the nursing program; any misdemeanor will be evaluated based on the nature of the offense, length of time since the offense, and explanatory letter/materials submitted by the applicant

Criminal Conviction and/or Crimes of Moral Turpitude:

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny a license to any candidate who has been convicted of any felonious act. Conviction includes a judgment, and admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere, probation without verdict, or incomplete Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD). Further, the Board shall not issue a license to any applicant who has been: 1. Convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64) known as The Controlled Substance Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; or 2. Convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state territory or country unless; a. at least 10 years have elapsed from the date of conviction; b. the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board, significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure should not create a substantial risk of further violations; and c. the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in this act. Additionally, charges and/or convictions with offense codes on the Prohibited Offenses Contained in Act 169 of 1996 as Amended by Act 13 of 1997 Criminal Offenses will result in withdrawal of seat in the nursing program. Any record of child abuse results in denial of admission to the nursing program.

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**Graduate/Program Learning Outcomes –
(Associate Degree Nursing)**

This curriculum is designed to prepare the graduate to:

Caring

1. Deliver quality and safe professional nursing care based on knowledge and evidence from nursing, physical, biological and behavioral sciences.
2. Promote health and prevent disease through patient and family center teaching and health education.
3. Use caring constructs to provide patient and family centered care that is based on respect for diversity.

Competency

4. Implement technical aspects of care safely, skillfully, effectively and efficiently.
5. Manage the care for a group of patients in a variety of settings using evidence based management concepts and skills.

Communication

6. Use therapeutic communication skills with individuals when providing professional nursing care
7. Utilize effective communication skills to promote teamwork, multidisciplinary collaboration and shared decision making.

Critical Thinking

8. Use the nursing process to assess, diagnose, plan, implement and evaluate care to meet mutually identified needs of individuals and their families.
9. Apply critical thinking to decision making and safe clinical judgments
10. Use information technologies effectively by accessing and managing information to enhance provision, adaptation and management of care.

Commitment

11. Implement collaborative, dependent and independent nursing actions within the legal and ethical framework of professional nursing practice
12. Demonstrate commitment to active learning to enhance self-development, professional identity and growth as a nurse.

Seq #	Course	Course Title	Credits	Type	Term Offered	Pre-Req	Options Available
1	BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su	CHM 107, 155 or 264 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095	
2	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171 - C grade or better	
3	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su		
4	ENG 161	College Writing	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Test	
5	ALH 120	Pharmacology	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su		
6	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	Pre-Req	F, Sp, Su		
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7	NSG 112	Intro/Prof Nsg & Hlth Care Acre Lifespan	CR	Major	F, Sp	BIO 171, CPT 150 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 114	
8	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	CR	Major	F, Sp	BIO 171, CPT 150, NSG 112 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 114	
9	NSG 124	Med-Surg Nursing Care/Ad.	CR	Major	F, Sp	BIO 171, 172, CPT 150, NSG 112, 114, 116, Co-Req: ALH 120, PSY 160	
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10	NSG 114	Hlth& Phys Assessment	3	Major	F, Su Prior to Level II Nursing Courses	BIO 171, CPT 150 Co-Req: BIO 172, NSG 112, 116	
11	NSG 200	LPN Transition into Associate Degree Nursing	3		F, Su Prior to Level II Nursing Courses		
12	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	Other	F, Sp, Su	BIO 155, 171, CHM 107, 155, 264 or High School CHM, ENG 085 or Test	
13	NSG 225	Nursing Care/Childbrng. Fam./Infant & Child	4	Major	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses in assigned sequence semester	
14	NSG 240	Psych/Mental Health Nursing Care	3	Major	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
15	NSG 255	Adv. M/S Aging Adult Chronic	3	Major	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
16	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	ENG 161	
17	NSG 260	Adv. Care/Chronically Ill	3	Major	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses in assigned sequence semester	
18	NSG 270	Adv. Care/Acutely Ill	3	Major	F, Sp	All Level I ADN nursing and support courses Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
19	NSG 280	Manager of Nursing Care	4	Major	F, Sp	Co-Req: Level II ADN nursing & support courses	
20	MTH 160	Introduction to Statistics	3	Gen Ed	F, Sp, Su	Test	Page 51 Column IV

Total Program Credits 55

Total Pathway Credits 75 (Includes Pre-requisites)